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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: KHMER REPRESENTATION AT UN

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SUMMARY: SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTRY ADVISES JAPANESE
AMBASSADOR THAT SWEDEN WILL ABSTAIN IF GKR EXPULSION
RESOLUTION COMES TO VOTE. ALTERNATIVELY, SWEDEN WILL
SUPPORT DEFERMENT BUT WILL NOT UNDERTAKE ACTIVE ROLE
IN ACHIEVING THAT SOLUTION TO KHMER REPRESENTATION ISSUE.
SINCE THIS IS MAXIMUM ATTAINABLE FROM GOS ON THIS ISSUE,
EMBASSY STOCKHOLM WILL NOT MAKE SEPARATE DEMARCHE.
END SUMMARY.

1. I DEFERRED ACTION ON REFTEL WHEN JAPANESE EMBASSY
INFORMED US THAT AMBASSADOR UEDA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF
ASIAN GROUP OF NATIONS, WAS SEEING EDELSTAM (ACTING
DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS AND SENIOR MFA OFFICIAL
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PRESENTLY IN TOWN) DEC. 3 ON KHMER REPRESENTATION ISSUE.

JAPANESE COUNSELOR BRIEFED US AS FOLLOWS THIS MORNING
ON UEDA-EDELSTAM EXCHANGE.

2. UEDA ASKED GOS TO VOTE AGAINST GKR EXPULSION RESOLUTION. EDELSTAM REPLIED THAT SWEDEN COULD NOT DO SO BECAUSE THIS WOULD BE SEEN AS ACTIVE SUPPORT OF LON NOL GOVERNMENT, WHICH IT COULD NOT GIVE. HE SAID SWEDEN WOULD ABSTAIN ON ANY AND ALL RESOLUTIONS ON KHMER REPRESENTATION ISSUE. UEDA SAID GOS SHOULD KNOW THAT TO ABSTAIN IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES WAS, IN FACT, TO PUT SWEDEN'S WEIGHT BEHIND EXPULSION OF GKR. THIS WOULD SET A PRECEDENT THAT COULD BRING GRAVE PROBLEMS TO UN. EDELSTAM WAS UNMOVED.

3. UEDA THEN SAID THERE WAS MOVE UNDER WAY TO DEFER THE KHMER REPRESENTATION QUESTION AND HE ASKED EDELSTAM FOR GOS SUPPORT OF DEFERMENT. EDELSTAM SAID SWEDEN COULD SUPPORT DEFERMENT BUT GOS WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN PUTTING THROUGH THE DEFERMENT PLOY. HE SAID TELEGRAM WOULD BE GOING OUT OVERNIGHT TO SWEDISH UN AMBASSADOR INSTRUCTING HIM TO VOTE FOR DEFERMENT, IF OPPORTUNITY ARISES, BUT NOT TO LOBBY FOR DEFERMENT SOLUTION.

COMMENT: GOS HAD OBVIOUSLY ALREADY DECIDED TO GIVE PASSIVE SUPPORT TO DEFERMENT SOLUTION WHEN UEDA CALLED ON EDELSTAM. SINCE UEDA GOT MAXIMUM WE CAN EXPECT OUT OF SWEDEN ON THIS ISSUE, I SEE NO POINT IN PLOWING SAME FURROW OVER. IN FACT, IF GOS IS AT ALL SHAKY IN ITS DECISION TO SUPPORT DEFERMENT, INTERVENTION BY US EMBASSY MIGHT GIVE PRO-SIHANOUK FACTION HERE AN OPPORTUNITY TO RE-OPEN THE QUESTION. SILENCE NOW WOULD APPEAR TO BE GOLDEN.
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